



CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT #1
MAY 2020

Due to recent impact from the novel corona-virus (COVID-19), amendments are proposed to reorder strategic plan goals and priorities and update additional funding that Radford has received.

Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary – 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

This plan has been amended

Beginning in January 2020, the entire nation began experiencing impacts of COVID-19. The local, state and federal governments imposed social isolation orders that are resulting in business closures, job loss and other negative impacts on low- and moderate- income households.

The City is receiving \$105,448 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The City's Consolidated Plan has been amended to respond to the community needs related to the COVID virus. The amendment includes aiding activities related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus through public service activities, and emergency supplies.

The City of Radford is located in the New River Valley of Southwestern Virginia, with City limits consisting of 9.63 square miles. According to 2016 University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center Estimates, the City's total population is 17,228. In 2003 the City was designated within the Blacksburg Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which elevated the City to that status of an entitlement community under the Community Development Block Grant. Title I of the National Affordable Housing Act Requires local governments applying for this direct assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide a comprehensive community development plan, the Consolidated Plan.

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The Consolidated Plan is developed with active citizen participation and serves as the City's application for federal funds. This document examines housing and homeless needs, analyzes the existing housing market (City-wide as well as by neighborhood), sets out a five-year strategic plan, establishes community development priorities, and sets up an action plan, which provides a specific roadmap of activities to meet strategic goals with a basis for assessing the City's performance. Once in place, the Plan provides guidance for the City's community development investment decisions that is consistent with public concerns and needs.

The City will receive approximately \$150,000 in CDBG funds annually to assist Grants Pass with eligible programs to meet community development and housing needs. Over the term of the five-year plan, approximately \$750,000 is expected to be available, with 18% of that for planning activities and administration of the program. Each year, the City will prepare an Annual Action Plan that outlines the specific program activities to be carried out in meeting the Consolidated Plan strategies. The City will focus on partnerships and collaborations to foster successful projects and leverage funds in order to address needs for low income and homeless housing, services for special needs and low income persons, and community and economic development needs.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The Consolidated Plan goals and strategies that will be pursued over the next five years all but program administration and planning activities must meet one of the three HUD defined National Objectives;

1. Benefit to low- and moderate income (LMI) persons
2. Aid in prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
3. Meet urgent needs to alleviate emergency conditions.

The CDBG goals for FY 2017-2021 are targeted to benefit as many residents of the City as possible. In conjunction with the national objective that activities should benefit the low-to-moderate income neighborhoods within the City. With the City's overall low to moderate income being 54 %, the that are proposed enables the City to benefit as many of Radford citizens as possible.

Goal 1: Pay the remaining balance of the Section 108 Loan

Goal 2: Help provide emergency housing assistance and increase opportunities for aging and disabled citizens to remain independent in their homes.

- Action 1 - Assist with ADA accessibility improvements
- Action 2 - Provide emergency repair

Goal 3: Help prevent homelessness

- Action - Provide resources to help prevent homelessness for short-term emergency situations through the Homeless Intervention Program and the Women's Resource Center

Goal 4: Help support Youth Services

- Action 1 - Help fund services for after school programs

- Action 2 - Help fund services for youth nutrition program
- Action 3 - Help fund services that prepare youth for school

Goal 5: Reduce the spread of neighborhood blight resulting from abandoned or neglected properties

- Action - Reduce the spread of neighborhood blight by demolition dilapidated properties that have been neglected by owners, prioritizing properties that have become attractive nuisance.

Goal 6: Water/Wastewater improvements

- Action - prioritize which areas of the City's water/wastewater lines that are in need of repair.

Goal 7: Furthering Fair Housing

- Action 1 - Work the NRV HOME Consortium to Complete an Assessment of Fair Housing prior to initiation to the next Consolidated Plan to guide the development of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

Goal 8: Prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the novel coronavirus on individuals, families, and businesses

3. Evaluation of past performance

2016-2017 was the fifth year of the Consolidated Plan. Fifth year activities included:

- Emergency Home Repair
- Beautification along Tyler Avenue
- Prevention of homeless through the Homeless intervention program and Women's Resource Center
- Youth Services - Assisted with preparing children with back to school supplies. Provided weekend meals to over 60 children. Assisted with afterschool program to underprivileged youth.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

A number of service providers, agencies, and resident it's were contacted with the purpose of providing input on community needs. Two public input meetings were scheduled to provide additional forum for public input.

An 18-day public comment period was provided to obtain comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan and First Year Action Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

To date no public comments have been received.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

To date no comments or input from the public have been received.

7. Summary

The Consolidated Plan reflects a coordinated planning with citizen participation to identify the top priority needs within the City of Radford. The goals identified in the Consolidated Plan are in attempts to expand housing and economic opportunity for all Radford citizens. This plan outlines the programs that the City will pursue over the next five years.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		City of Radford

Table 1– Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The New River Valley HOME Consortium is a regional consortium located in southwest Virginia that includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, the City of Radford and the towns therein. The Consortium is responsible for All housing aspects of this Consolidate Plan with the City of Radford's Community Development Office being the agency responsible for the preparation of all Non-Housing Community Development Needs within the City.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Radford engaged community agencies, groups, organizations, and citizens as well as participating with regional planning efforts of NRV Livability Initiative and the NRV Housing Partnership to assist with identifying housing needs across the region.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The City of Radford participated in The Livability Initiative, which was a regional planning process that provided an opportunity for New River Valley residents to develop a vision for the future and develop strategies that businesses, community organizations, local governments, and individuals can use to make this future vision a reality. One component of the Livability Initiative was the development of a variety of housing options. The key housing issues the plan addressed were:

1. Housing need of an aging population
2. The affordability of housing in the region
3. Development patterns that help preserve rural character
4. Current housing stock and what can be done to improve it
5. The relationship between jobs and housing
6. Reducing home energy costs through efficiency measures.

The Livability Initiative is meant to serve as a guide for localities to consider a variety of housing options and not a one-size-fits-all approach.

The City of Radford also participate in the NRV Housing Partnership (COC) monthly meetings.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The New River Valley Housing Partnership is the entity responsible for the local Continuum of Care. New River Valley Housing Partnership purpose is to assist in the coordination, development, and evaluation of services and housing for homeless and at-risk of homeless persons with housing needs through planning, education and advocacy.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

City of Radford staff participates in the NRV Housing Partnership monthly meetings which plan and manage homeless assistance resources to aid in ending homelessness in the New River Valley.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City Staff is a member of the Board of Directors that meets on a monthly bases where we discuss activities that address homelessness.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City of Radford assists NRCA's Homeless Intervention Program utilizing CDBG funds and meet with them on an annual basis to discuss their goals in preventing homelessness within the City.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

City of Radford made every effort to reach out to all agencies throughout our community for input.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	New River Valley Housing Partners	Ensure that all regional housing providers are working in collaboration with one another to address homelessness.

Table 3– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

The City of Radford, who is a member of the NRV HOME Consortium, will continue to work together and with other public entities to ensure that coordination and cooperation in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan

Narrative

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Radford's goal for citizen participation is to ensure broad participation of our residents and service providers in housing and community development planning and program development. The Community Development Department was involved in the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Other City Departments including the Economic Development and Social Services Department were also consulted.

The primary tool for involving residents as well as a variety of housing, homeless, special needs and other service providers was the Public Input meetings that are outlined below.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	There was no public in attendance to any of the meetings	To date, No comments received.		

Table 4– Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

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Needs Assessment Overview

The HOME Consortium used HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data to provide statistical data on housing needs to prepare estimates and help identify projects. The CHAS data also provides a summary of the number of households in each income category by tenure and household type and the percentage of such households that had a housing problem. This information is used to examine the extent to which the probability the household is living in substandard housing.

Additional needs for the City of Radford were obtained from input with various social service groups, housing providers and city staff.

The following represent some of the highlights of the Non-Housing Community needs discussed in this section:

- Youth Centers, with year-round programs
- Improve pedestrian safety, ADA curb improvements
- Food assistance and nutrition programs through Community Garden
- Neighborhood Beautification

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The following are the needs for improvements to the City's public facilities:

- Public Facilities must be open and available to all residents of the City.
- Public Facilities need to be provided by the City to maintain a quality of life for its residents.
- Public Facilities, such as parks, playgrounds, recreational areas, fields of play, and trail need to be improved to allow accessibility by those with disabilities.

How were these needs determined?

These needs for public facilities were determined by City Staff, stakeholders and residents who participated in community outreach.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

The following are the City's needs for public improvements:

- The City needs to improve and upgrade its storm water management system.
- The City needs to improve pedestrian safety with additional ADA curb cut improvements, and continue to develop bike and walking trails.
- The City needs to improve and upgrade water lines and sanitary sewer system
- The City needs to improve its parks and playground equipment and continue it beautification activities.

How were these needs determined?

These needs for public improvements were determined by City Staff, stakeholders and residents who participated in community outreach

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The City provides for public safety and other public services to its residents. The following needs are the needs that the City has identified:

- The City needs to continue to provide its high level of public safety to all residents.

- The City needs to identify and if necessary, provide neighborhood policing to those areas with high level of crimes.
- The City needs to continue support to programs that provide housing counseling services for low and moderate income households.
- The City needs to continue to support programs that assist victims of domestic violence.
- The City needs to continue to support programs that assist youth through afterschool and recreational programs.
- The City needs to continue to support programs that assist food programs for low and moderate income individuals.
- The City needs to continue supporting programs that assist the homeless population in the City.
- The City needs to continue its code enforcement efforts to ensure the health and safety of its residents.
- The City needs to continue to provide trash pickup, leaf collection, and look at ways to implement neighborhood clean-up programs.

How were these needs determined?

The needs for public services were determined through City Staff, stakeholders and residents who participated in public hearing comments on the Consolidated Plan.

Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonia's

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The City of Radford is an older, well established City. The housing stock is aging, an estimate of 70% of the existing units were constructed prior to 1980. As the housing stock continues to age, the need for repair, modification and replacement increases. These costs can be difficult for those with low and moderate income and the aging population and low.

The City has a variety of housing types and reasonable cost of housing. According to the 2015 Census American Factfinder, the City of Radford has 6,507 housing units. Of those units, 3,459 units or 53% were single family homes, 2,781 units or 43% were Multi-family units and the remaining units consist of mobile homes or trailers. The City of Radford has seen a change in the type of housing development over that last 5 years with an increase in the multi-family units.

According to Census's American Factfinder, the City has 2,395 owner-occupied housing units (44% of all occupied housing units) and 3,082 renter-occupied units (56% of all occupied housing units). This reflects that the City houses Radford University within its limits.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

Strategies for the housing supply must take into account the number of jobs and the number of employed residents. There should not only be a sufficient amount of housing at a range of prices, but also a variety of housing types appropriate for a range of needs in locations where there is access to transportation and employment opportunities.

The City has a diverse community with a variety of businesses, manufacturing, and organizations that provide employment to its residents.

Jobs in manufacturing continue to decrease, so there is a need for additional educational training programs and resources is priority to help with job placement.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	16	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	556	846	17	17	0
Construction	127	111	4	2	-2
Education and Health Care Services	578	530	18	11	-7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	156	245	5	5	0
Information	52	6	2	0	-2
Manufacturing	628	2,139	20	44	24
Other Services	123	131	4	3	-1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	249	320	8	7	-1
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	529	435	16	9	-7
Transportation and Warehousing	78	11	2	0	-2

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Wholesale Trade	125	118	4	2	-2
Total	3,217	4,892	--	--	--

Table 5 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2008-2012 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	7,968
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	7,284
Unemployment Rate	8.58
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	15.60
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	4.08

Table 6 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2008-2012 ACS

Occupations by Sector		Number of People
Management, business and financial	1,517	
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	352	
Service	1,140	
Sales and office	1,760	
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	325	
Production, transportation and material moving	204	

Table 7 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2008-2012 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	5,795	82%
30-59 Minutes	1,060	15%
60 or More Minutes	237	3%
Total	7,092	100%

Table 8 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2008-2012 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	182	0	204
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	591	47	416
Some college or Associate's degree	1,189	84	626
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,657	86	179

Table 9 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2008-2012 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	0	45	0	114	252
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	149	13	151	63	250

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,154	175	332	547	280
Some college, no degree	5,600	472	177	464	303
Associate's degree	506	300	191	354	65
Bachelor's degree	333	492	319	337	74
Graduate or professional degree	64	100	129	545	154

Table 10 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2008-2012 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	18,032
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	23,750
Some college or Associate's degree	27,803
Bachelor's degree	34,554
Graduate or professional degree	56,886

Table 11 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2008-2012 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The City's top employer is Radford University, with approximately 1600 employees, with Kollmorgan and Moog following as top employers.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Manufacturing had been the largest sector in the business community. As technology improves and the jobs become more technical, higher levels of education is required. Partnering with both Radford University and New River Community College will help increase educated workforce in hopes of bringing more specialized jobs to Radford.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

The closure of the foundry, which was a primary employer of our residents, had an impact on the entire community. The City's Economic Development Office has Local Incentive programs to help assist new and existing businesses. One Incentive is the Enterprise Zone, most of the City's industrial and business zoned properties are now encompassed in state zone 25B, Enterprise Zone Incentives. New Businesses and industry locating within the zone can potentially qualify for Utility Connection Relief, Machinery and Tools Tax Relief.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

While the skills and education of the current workforce meet the demand of employment opportunities, the City is looking at opportunities to grow and bring new high tech business and industry that will help retain the students from Radford University, Virginia Tech and New River Community College.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

City of Radford, Radford City Schools and New River Community College has invested in an Access to Community College (ACCE) initiative, which is a public/private partnership that makes college available tuition-free to Radford High School Graduates. It covers the cost of tuition for two years at New River Community College. ACCE supports as many students as possible based on student need and funds available for the program.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The City is working with Radford University and the Regional Alliance on updating their Strategic Plan, with the limited amount of funding that the City receives, this will not be a focus within this Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Based on CHAS data, 670 of homeowners reported having "one or more of four housing problems. The geographic areas to be targeted with CDBG funds include PT Travis, 16th and 17th Street. Russel Ave, Clay Street, Allen Ave, West End of Second Street, and Sunset Village.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

HUD defines areas of racial or ethnic concentrations as geographic areas where the percentage of a specific minority or ethnic group is 10 percent higher than the City's overall. The City does not have any concentrations as a whole, but if you break down the census tracts,

Census Tract 101.02 is the only area where the African American population rises to 11% for the specific tract.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

This census tract, Census Tract 101.02, is largely populated by students from Radford University. The neighborhoods consist of a variety of housing options including single family rental units, multifamily rental units, and some vacant housing. The majority of the housing is rental units.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

This area includes large number of rental housing, shopping, banking, and recreational facilities.

The City has worked in recent years to improve amenities in some of our other targeted neighborhoods, which included replacement of playground equipment, water and sewer improvements, sidewalk improvements.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

With the limited amount of funding, no additional strategic opportunities have been identified in these areas.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The City has been working on a plan to target distressed neighborhoods that are in most need of assistance. These targeted areas are discussed in length in section SP-10.

Due to limited funding the City's goal is to target the neighborhoods and focus on improving infrastructure, addressing immediate emergency home repair needs and beautification through a private/public initiative.

The City of Radford recognizes the need for a coordinated network of services and housing to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families with children and will continue its prior year funding to support homeless intervention programs within the City.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 12 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	Citywide
	Area Type:	other
	Other Target Area Description:	other
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

Since the City's CDBG allocation is small, funds will be used for projects that benefit low and moderate residents throughout the community.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 13 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill veterans Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	other
	Associated Goals	Prevent and End Homelessness Support Non-Homelessness Needs Respond to COVID-19
	Description	The City will support the low-moderate community aiding directly with activities related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.
	Basis for Relative Priority	
2	Priority Need Name	Prevention of Homelessness

	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	other
	Associated Goals	Prevent and End Homelessness Planning and Administration Respond to COVID-19
	Description	Help provide short term emergency assistance to homeowners and renters that are at risk for homelessness
	Basis for Relative Priority	Providing assistance to keep families in their homes helps to stabilize the community.
3	Priority Need Name	Domestic Violence
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	other
	Associated Goals	Prevent and End Homelessness Planning and Administration Respond to COVID-19
	Description	The Women's Resource Center of the NRV assists persons escaping domestic violence and becoming homeless.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Supporting The Women's Resource Center which offers temporary emergency housing for adults and children who and are fleeing intimate partner violence, provides a safe environment and stepping stone.
4	Priority Need Name	Youth Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	other
	Associated Goals	Support Non-Homelessness Needs Neighborhood Revitalization Planning and Administration Respond to COVID-19
	Description	Partner with the Bobcat Backpack Program, New River Community Actions and Radford Clothing Bank's August Kids program to provide services to low and moderate income families within the city. Services include food for the weekend, after school programs and assisting with school supplies for children
	Basis for Relative Priority	A significant number of children rely on these programs to provide assistance with food over the weekends, tutoring/mentorship and equipping them for a successful school year.
5	Priority Need Name	Section 108 loan repayment
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	other
	Associated Goals	Section 108 Loan Repayment Planning and Administration
	Description	The City received a Section 108 loan to rehab a mixed use project and will look at their using their allocations to pay down the debt quickly.

	Basis for Relative Priority	
6	Priority Need Name	Maintain existing affordable housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Elderly Frail Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	other
	Associated Goals	Emergency Home Repair Neighborhood Revitalization Planning and Administration
	Description	Work alongside of Social Services and local organizations to ensure housing is safe for low and moderate income families.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The City of Radford has an aging housing stock, which are more likely in need of emergency repair and weatherization to keep housing safe and utility costs low.

Narrative (Optional)

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The CDBG allocation for Program Year 2017 is \$152,192. With the limited amount of available funding, funds are targeted for specific activities that will have the most impact on many of the needs in the City of Radford.

The City has been allocated an additional \$105,448 of CDGB-CV from the CARES Act. Bringing the estimated total to \$952,000 for the five year covered under the Consolidated Plan.

Anticipated Resources

Table 14 - Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	152,192	0	109,866	262,058	799,810	Amount is based on estimated Program 2017 funding. With a new administration, budgeting is hard to predict. Anticipating rolling about 109,866 from previous years allocations.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services Other	105,448	0	0	105,448	105,448	Funding provided through CARES Act

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City does not expect to use State-funding sources to address the activities in this Consolidated Plan.

The City will provide all necessary oversight and project management staffing for the implementation of these programs. Because of the limited funds available for administration and planning, it is expected that a significant portion of these staffing hours will be absorbed by the City's general operations budget.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the state that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

N/A

Discussion

The City will continue to identify ways to leverage private funds to address the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Radford	Government	Non-homeless special needs Planning	Jurisdiction
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER	Subrecipient	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION	Subrecipient	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
Radford Clothing Bank	Subrecipient	public services	Jurisdiction
BEANS AND RICE	Subrecipient	public services	
Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread	Subrecipient	Non-homeless special needs public services	Jurisdiction

Table 15 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

There are a number of agencies that are currently involved in the programs that address the needs of Radford low income residents. The City will continue to develop addition public/private partnerships to achieve these goals.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services			
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	

Supportive Services			
Child Care	X		
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS	X		
Life Skills	X		
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X		
Other			
	X		

Table 16 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

Residents within the City of Radford who are experiencing homelessness have access to the following support services:

New River Community Action Provides homeless prevention, housing counseling, and rapid re-housing

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, crisis intervention and case management for women and children experiencing domestic abuse

Grace Episcopal Church provides short term emergency housing for single women

There are a number of additional services outside of Radford that residents can seek assistance, these include the following:

The Warming Station is a seasonal emergency shelter for single men and women

To Our House provides seasonal emergency shelter for single men

Virginia Veteran and Family Support provides financial assistance and case management for veterans and their families

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The City of Radford participates is actively involved with the New River Valley Housing Partnership who work together to ensure adequate services are being delivered for persons experiencing homelessness.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

A comprehensive continuum of care system is necessary to effectively address homeless needs. Three basic components are needed to overcoming gaps and services:

1. There must be an immediate alternative to being unsheltered including not only emergency shelter, but an assessment of an individual's or family's needs;
2. Permanent housing must be part of any continuum of care that includes supportive housing arrangements.
3. Transitional housing and rehabilitation services are necessary and should include services such as substance abuse treatment, training in independent living, and interim mental health services.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Respond to COVID-19	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Prevention of Homelessness Youth Services Domestic Violence Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19	CDBG: \$105,448	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 90 Persons Assisted Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 5 Persons Assisted
2	Prevent and End Homelessness	2017	2021	Homeless	Citywide	Prevention of Homelessness Domestic Violence Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19	CDBG: \$70,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 125 Persons Assisted
3	Emergency Home Repair	2017	2021	Emergency Home Repair	Citywide	Maintain existing affordable housing	CDBG: \$50,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Support Non-Homelessness Needs	2017	2021	Youth Services	Citywide	Youth Services Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19	CDBG: \$35,000	Other: 650 Other
5	Neighborhood Beautification	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide		CDBG: \$50,000	Other: 3 Other
6	Neighborhood Revitalization	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Maintain existing affordable housing Youth Services	CDBG: \$112,000	Other: 4 Other
7	Planning and Administration	2017	2021	Planning and Administration	Citywide	Maintain existing affordable housing Section 108 loan repayment Prevention of Homelessness Youth Services Domestic Violence	CDBG: \$20,000	
8	Central Business District Enhancement	2017	2018	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$55,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
9	Section 108 Loan Repayment	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Section 108 loan repayment	CDBG: \$274,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit

Table 17 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Respond to COVID-19
	Goal Description	Prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the coronavirus on individuals, families and businesses
2	Goal Name	Prevent and End Homelessness
	Goal Description	The City of Radford will continue to support local agencies that assist with the prevention of homelessness.
3	Goal Name	Emergency Home Repair
	Goal Description	Plans to utilize funding Citywide to help with Emergency Home Repair to those homeowners who qualify.
4	Goal Name	Support Non-Homelessness Needs
	Goal Description	The City will continue to provide support services to non-profits to support youth services programs.
5	Goal Name	Neighborhood Beautification
	Goal Description	City will utilize funds to enhance our streetscapes.
6	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Goal Description	City will target a neighborhood to assist in a number of projects including infrastructure improvement, home repair, neighborhood park improvements, beautification.

7	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Funds will assist with the oversight of the CDBG program, including required public notices, and assist with survey targeted neighborhoods.
8	Goal Name	Central Business District Enhancement
	Goal Description	Utilize funding for the acquisition of property to turn into urban park within the Central Business District.
9	Goal Name	Section 108 Loan Repayment
	Goal Description	The City will utilize funds to pay against Section 108 Loan.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The City of Radford has not designated public housing as a goal. The Plan focuses on assisting 10 owner occupied housing through the emergency home repair program. It is estimated that 100% of the families assisted with the emergency housing repair activity will meet the extremely low-income, low-income or moderately low income levels.

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

The City does not have the resources or expertise necessary to implement a lead poisoning prevention program. Instead, the City will work with the local health department to provide as effective a program as possible.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

The following steps will be taken over the next five years to improve local understanding and efforts to reduce lead-based paint hazards in the City:

1. Engage in analysis and study to determine and track lead hazards in the City.

1. Support efforts by the health department to reduce lead hazards in the community.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The New River Valley has many qualified non-profit service providers that are doing work with LMI families. For example, New River Community Actions has various programs such as the Financial Literacy Program, Housing Counseling, Emergency Assistance/Food Pantry, and Life Skills Education, which provide LMI families with tangible tools to make wise choices with their money. Beans and Rice offers a VIDA Virginia Individual Development Accounts that is a special matched savings account used to save money for a specific asset purchase. The Individual Development Accounts may be used to save toward first time home ownership, post-secondary education, along with small business startup. And the Radford Department of Social Services has programs to assist and educate LMI families.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The City supports through the CDBG program many of these services.

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The City of Radford's Planning Department will be responsible for monitoring programs that use CDBG funds, according to HUD regulations.

This City office is responsible for developing guidelines for each contractual agreement the City enters into with an agency or organization, for the purpose of implementing the housing strategies identified in this document. Items to be specified in the contract include the work or service to be performed, the amount of funds budgeted, and the timeframe for performing the work or service. Each contract will also contain an outline of the goals and objectives against which the performance of the CDBG program fund recipients will be measured, as well as information on the City's commitment to affirmatively further fair housing and to avoid residential displacement. All applicable statutory and regulatory requirements will also be included in each contract.

CDBG program fund recipients will be required to submit quarterly reports regarding the status of the project (to ensure that program rules are being followed). The Planning Department will monitor the City's CDBG program by analyzing required reports and conducting site visits. In order to ensure that funds are being used according to applicable statutes and regulations, these City offices will also conduct financial monitoring which will include quarterly reviews of expenditures to ensure they meet program regulations.

The City's CDBG funds will be formally audited in conjunction with the Department of Finance's annual audit. No separate audit of CDBG funds will be performed.

The City reserves the right to terminate agreements with CDBG program fund recipients found to be in non-compliance with program guidelines and/or who are reluctant to take corrective measures.

